

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification as indicated below:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9 with the following paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the invention is a toy molding machine, such as crayon molder 100 depicted in Figures 1-2. Figure 1 illustrates housing 133, which includes sidewall 102, cover 107 and door 109. Housing 133 is a unitary injection-molded plastic piece. Housing 133 substantially isolates a user from internal components that may be hot or electrified at some time during the molding process. Materials for melting, such as crayon pieces, are fed through a filling port 101 from the outside of housing 133 into fill chute 139. Splash guards 131 extend from chute 139 in order to prevent molten material from contacting a user. Preferably, chute 139 and splash guards 131 are composed of molded silicone rubber, shaped to receive melting pot 127. Gate 104 is a ~~silicone~~ rubber valve plug, which controls the flow of molten material within molder 100, and is operated from the outside of housing 133 by means of regulator 103. If and only if certain safety conditions are established, door 109 may be opened to provide access to the inside of housing 133.